



May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Recovery Curriculum

As you are already aware, Pennoweth School is re-opening, as a childcare hub, from Monday 18th May. Pennoweth children, who are currently attending the Treloweth hub, will be returning to school from this date, along with a few extra children whose parents have now had their employment confirmed as key worker roles.

Last Sunday's Government announcement regarding schools beginning to open to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children from the 1st June continues to be discussed in detail and we await further clarification over the coming days and weeks. This means we are not yet in a position to confirm what the arrangements for the school opening to more of our children will look like. As soon as we have further information we will share it with you.

We know from the results of the parent survey that Crofty MAT sent out recently that many of you are unsure about your children returning to school at the current time. We absolutely recognise that it can be very difficult to make any decision without further information. When we are able to provide more information and greater clarity, we will share this with you.

We firmly believe that you, as parents and carers, are best placed to decide the best course of action for your child during this global pandemic. The Government have confirmed that no parent or carer will be fined for any absence at the current time regardless of whether your child's year group is open or not.

As we start to consider the provision that we will be able to put in place when the school begins to re-open, we are incredibly aware of the need to provide a curriculum that looks very different to the one we usually offer. Learning will need to look different. We know that there is a real need to integrate children slowly back into the routines and security of a school day but we also recognise the need to ensure children are given the learning opportunities they deserve.

Whatever happens in the coming weeks, we know that for an unknown period of time, we will have some children in school whilst others are at home so we need to ensure that we have a sustainable and equitable approach. To help with this, from Monday 18th May, we will amalgamate our classes and year groups into phases. These phases will mirror the email groups that we have been using:

Early Years: Nursery and Reception children

KS1: Year 1 and Year 2 children

Lower KS2: Year 3 and Year 4 children

Upper KS2: Year 5 and Year 6 children

Each day, we will be setting out some work for each of these phases. For children that are with us in the school building, the following approximate timetable will be followed (please note that this will be adapted for Early Years provision):

7.45am – 9.00am	Agreed Hub children only: Breakfast and early morning activities
9.00am – 9.30am	Joe Wicks PE
9.30am – 10.00am	Reading – tasks related to a shared text
10.00am – 10.30am	Writing – tasks linked to the shared texts wherever possible
10.30am – 11.00am	Break
11.00am – 11.30am	Maths
11.30am – 12pm	Wider curriculum
12.00pm – 12.45pm	Lunch
12.45pm – 1.15pm	Quiet time and story
1.15pm – 3.00pm	Creative projects
3.15pm – 5.00pm	Agreed Hub children only: Quiet activities and a film

Each of the highlighted areas is a separate piece of work. The creativity sessions in the afternoon will be placed in a grid (or menu) weekly and will give ideas for children to choose from.

For children who are not in school, exactly the same work that is being used in school will be posted to the school blog in the relevant phase for your child's year group (class blogs will therefore be frozen from Sunday 17th May). As a result, whether your child is in school or at home, all children will have access to the same work. Taking this into account, when you are making a decision about whether or not to send your child to school, your consideration should be about the location that they are working in; the learning available will be the same.

We are keen to stress that the most important thing at this time is the health and wellbeing of you and your family. If your child remains at home and home learning is not possible, for whatever reason, there is no expectation that the work being posted on the blog should be completed.

As ever, please know that we are here, albeit at the end of an email. If you have any questions at all, please just email in and a member of staff will respond as soon as possible. We will provide as much information as we can regarding any changes, as soon as we can.

In the meantime, stay safe, take care and know that we are very much looking forward to seeing you when it is safe to do so.

Best wishes,

Cathryn Andrews

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